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1. POLCOUNS BRIEFED PON MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY, AMBASSADOR PONCE, (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) ABOUT THE SITUATION IN JONESVILLE AND ABOUT THE ACTIONS WHICH USG HAS TAKEN AND INTENDS TO TAKE.
2. POLCOUNS GAVE MAP TO AMBASSADOR PONCE SHOWING THE LOCATION OF JONESVILLE, POINTING OUT THAT THIS WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE VENEZUELAN BORDER AND THAT MANY RIVERS AND STREAMS FLOW FROM THIS AREA INTO VENEZUELA, ULTIMATELY INTO THE ORINOCO DELTA. POLCOUNS STATED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE AMCIT POPULATION OF JONESVILLE HAD FLED INTO THE JUNGLE AND WERE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. HE SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MIGHT ENTER VENEZUELAN TERRITORY, MOST PROBABLY
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BY BOAT. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR PONCE TO ALERT THE APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES TO THIS POSSIBILITY AND ASK THAT THEY INFORM THE EMBASSY IF ANY SUCH AMERICANS APPEAR.
3. PONCE SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE BRIEFING AND SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND DEFE
NSE SO THAT THEY COULD ALERT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ALONG THE GUYANESE BORDER.
4. WE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK VENEZUELANS TO DETAIN OR ARREST ANY AMERICANS WHO WANDER ACROSS THE BORDER FROM GUYANA.
5. ACTION REQUESTED; PLEASE FURNISH FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING WHAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO DO IF ANY AMERICANS FROM JONESVILLE TURN UP IN VENEZUELAN TERRITORY.
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